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First Named Applicant	LUTZ,	35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days.		

TITLE OF INVENTION **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HOUSING TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
3	066303.0109	361-690.000	G67 UTILITY	YES	\$620.00	08/22/01

**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.**

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Application No.

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Examiner

Michael Datskovsky

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/10/2001.
  2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
  3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable as formal drawings.
  4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
      3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 04/26/2001, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.**

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)          |
| 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)         | 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____  |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____               | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                             |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
|  | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant claims a system for housing telecommunications equipment, comprising: a plurality of vertically disposed chassis housing the telecommunications equipment, each chassis having a top that is substantially closed, first and second sides, first and second ends, and a base, wherein the top of each chassis is adapted to receive the base of an adjacent chassis; at least one vent formed in each chassis adjacent the base, wherein the vent is operable to allow air to enter the chassis; and wherein the vent is disposed between the base and a portion of the chassis selected from the group consisting of the first side, the second side, the first end, and the second end, and wherein the vent is nonplanar in relation to the portion, wherein the vent is a notched vent member coupled to the base and the portion, wherein the notched vent member has two or more venting surfaces. The allowability at least in part resides in above described structure having elements which are not disclosed in the prior art searched. The applicant satisfactory amended the claims to overcome rejections under 35 USC § 112 and § 103 stated in first action.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Bertilsson et al describe a system for housing telecommunications equipment, figs.1-7, comprising: a plurality of vertically disposed chassis 2, housing the telecommunication equipment (col.1, lines 4-7), each chassis 2 having a top that is substantially closed, first and second sides, first and second ends, and a base, wherein the top of each chassis is adapted to receive the base of an adjacent chassis; at least one vent 5 formed in each chassis adjacent to the base, wherein the vent is operable to allow air to enter the chassis 2; and wherein the vent is disposed between the base and a portion of the chassis represented by the first end of said chassis. Bertilsson et al do not teach said vent being nonplanar (angling toward) in relation to said portion and having a plurality of apertures. Zelt teaches a system for housing a heat generating electronic equipment, figs.1-4, comprising a chassis having vents including a plurality of apertures 40, said vents being nonplanar (angling toward) in relation to the front end of said chassis. None of them teach said vent is a notched vent member coupled to the base and the portion, wherein the notched vent member has two or more venting surfaces.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Datskovsky whose telephone number is (703)306-4535. The examiner can normally be reached on Mn - Fry 8 - 4:30.

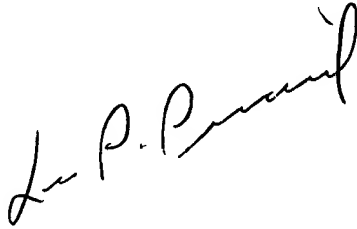
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on (703)308-0538. The fax phone numbers for

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the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)305-1341 for regular communications and (703)305-1341 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956.



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